

REMARKS

Claims 1-55 are pending and under consideration. With this Amendment, Claims 6 and 14 are being amended. No claims are being canceled. Thus, after entry of this Amendment, Claims 1-55 are pending and under consideration. The election requirement raised in the Office Action is discussed in more detail, below.

Amendments to the Claims

Claim 6 has been amended to correct an obvious typographical error. Claim 14 has been amended to include protein kinase sequences, i.e., SEQ ID NOs. 1-13, recited in pending Claim 7. The scope of the claims remains unchanged. No new matter is added by this amendment.

Election of Species Under 35 U.S.C. § 1.146

The Patent Office has required election of the linking order of the hydrophobic, enzyme recognition, and fluorescent moiety from one of claims 28-32, and one protein kinase recognition sequence. Applicants elect the linking order exemplified in Claim 30. Applicants understand that by electing Claim 30, Claims 9-14 will be examined. Applicants elect the protein kinase recognition sequence -R-R-X-S/T-Z- (SEQ ID NO.1) and understand that Claims 5 and 6 will be examined insofar as they read on the elected recognition sequence.

Claims 1-6, 8, 15-27 and 35-55 read on the elected species.

Applicants understand the election of species is made to solely facilitate examination of the claims, and that they are entitled to consideration of additional species upon the allowance of a generic claim.

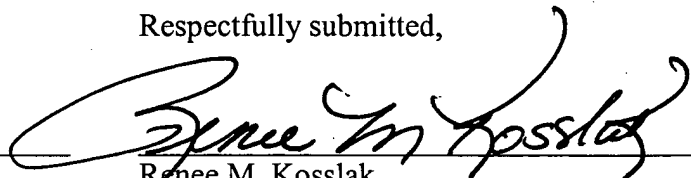
Conclusion

Claims 1-55 are believed to satisfy all of the criteria for patentability and are in condition for allowance. An early indication of the same is therefore kindly requested.

No fees are believed to be due in connection with this Amendment. However, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees that may required, or credit any overpayment, to Dechert LLP Deposit Account No. 50-2778 (Order No. 375461-007US (355357)).

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